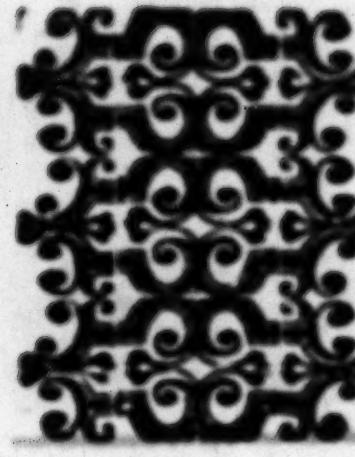
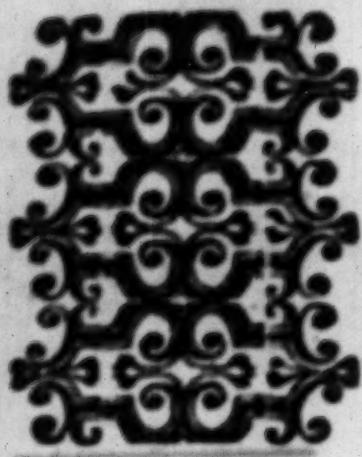


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By the Queene.



A Proclamation for the restraint of transportation of Graine.



Whereas the Queenes Maiestie is given to vnderstand, that divers of her subiects of this Realme, vnder the colour and pretence of carrying of Corne to certaine partes of Fraunce, being in good amitie with this Crowne (but neare to the parties of Spaine) haue caused the said Corne to be transported and caried by colourable meanes into Spaine, and there vented and sold the same, whereof a great part was this last yeere past imployed in the victualling of the late Armie and Fleet set foorth to the seas by the king of Spaine, for the Invasion of this Realme, and directly against her highnesse person and crowne (which intention and purpose was by Gods only goodnesse defeated, and miraculously made frustrate, as is notoriously knownen.) And whereas also her Maiestie is further given to vnderstand, that like euill practises are intended by some, that through a most greedie and dishonest desire of gaine, hauing no respect to a priuate enriching of themselues, then to the dutie they owe to her highnesse, and to the safetie and well doing of the whole state of the Realme, meane to hold on that vndutifull purpose, to a further rebuke of the enemie against this Realme, vnder like colours and pretences as are aforesayd: Her Maiestie therefore for the prevention thereof, doth most straightly charge and commaund, according to her Roiall authoritie, that no person or persons after the publishing of this present Proclamation, doe transport or carie out of this Realme, into any of the parts beyond the seas, by vertue of any former licence whatsoeuer, or by any other colour or pretence, any kind of graine, vpon paine of her highnesse extreme indignation and displeasure, and such further corporall paine and other penaltie, as to any that shall be aiders, helpers, assisters and abbetters of the memries of her Roiall person and Crowne, may bee inflicted by the lawes of this realme, or by her highnesse Roiall prerogatiue, vpon the sayde offendours, as in such cases concerning the State and preseruation of her person & realme, may and ought to be imposed and inflicted. And for that the disorders in this behalfe committed or to be committed, are and ought to be chiefly discouered by her Highnesse officers attending vpon the collection of custome and Subsidies in their severall Portes and Charges, and in the Creekes of the said Portes, from time to time as they are incident & fall out, and that by vertue of their oaths which they haue in that behalfe taken, as by her Highnesse lawes is to the same effect ordered, and vpon such further penalties as in the sayd lawes are mentioned and contained: Her Maiestie likewise straightly chargeth and commaundeth all and every Customer, Controller, Surueior, Searcher, Farmer and deputie Farmer, attending vpon the collection of Custome and Subsidies within all and every Port and Ports, Hauen and Hauens, Creeke and Creekes, member and members, of all and every Port and Ports, to keepe diligent watch, and to haue a carefull oversight, that no person or persons whatsoeuer, either by way of entries or without entries, doe lade, ship, transport, or carie out of any place vnder his or their charge, any sort or kind of graine, to any place out of her Maiesties dominions, except to the parties of Holland, Zealand, or Flaunders, where her Maiestie hath a my of her Subiectes in garrison, and not any thither without speciall direction on her Maiesties behalfe, by the Lord Treasurer of England, or by the Lordes of her priuie Counsell, vpon paine of such penaltie, as by

her Highnesse lawes as aforesayd, is to be inflicted vpon them, and such further prosecution of the crime of his or their wilfull periurie, as by like course of law is provided. And in case the sayd officers or any of them doe meet with any graine, shippes and laden to be transported out of the Realme, that soorthwith they and every of them make seizure of the same, the one moitie thereof to be taken to her Maiesties vse, and the other to accrue to the partie that shall make the sayd seizure: and that the parties that shall be taken with such graine, be committed to prison, there to remaine without baile, vntill by order of the Lordes of the Counsell, the same shall be further punished. And in case the sayd officers or any of them, in his or their severall charge and charges, doe disloyally and vndutifullly conceale, and not apprehend such offendour in this behalfe: Her highnesse straightly chargeth and commandeth, that vpon discouerie and proofe thereof duly made before the Lordes and others of her priuie Counsell, or before the Lord Treasurer in the Court of the Exchequer, the partie or parties so offending, shall be deprived of his or their said office and offices, and the same soorthwith be collated vpon the partie or parties so informing, being meet persons for the same, vpon due proofe of the abuse aforesaid, and the partie offending be further punished at her Maiesties pleasure. And for the due and better execution of this present Proclamation, her Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, that where as by vertue of her highnesse Commission lately sent vnder the great seale of England, into the severall maritime Countys within this her highnesse realme, there are certain special Commissioners chosen and appointed for that purpose, that the sayde Commissioners in each of the severall Countys, shall constitute and appoint some such trustie persons as they shall finde to be wise and discrete, and not affected to the transporters of Corne, and for whose faichfull seruice therein, they will be answerable to haue some kind of oversight of the sayde officers of the ports, and that within the Port, Towne or Townes, within the severall limites of their sayd Commission, they do appoint one severall day of meeting to be kept every thre weekes at the least, to enquire by herdite of twelue men or other wise, vpon the due obseruation of this her Highnesse proclamation, and of the abuses and contempts committed against the same. And such as shall bee found vpon due proofe to bee offendours, to commit them to prison, there to remaine without baile or mainprise, and to certifie vnto the Lordes and others of her highnesse priuie Counsell, the names of the sayd offendours, with the qualites of their offences, to the end there may be made some exemplary punishment of them, to the terror of all others that shall presume to commit the like contempts. Given at her Maiesties Maner of Greenwich, the ninth day of November, 1588, in the 30. yeere of her Highnesse raigne.

God sauе the Queene.

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